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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This is in response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2004, the term for which expires July 7, 2004.

ELECTION

The Examiner requires an election of invention between Group I (claims 107); Group II (claims 8-16) and Group III (claims 17-20).

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group 1, claims 1-7 drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising a diuretic and an insulin sensitizer.

To avoid delay in prosecution, if a species election is required, applicants provisionally elect the species of claim 4.

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A favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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